

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Frank C. CHESTON, III, et al. :  
Serial No.: Group Art Unit:  
Filed: November 17, 1998 Examiner:  
For: SYSTEM FOR OBTAINING FORWARDING INFORMATION FOR ELECTRONIC  
SYSTEM USING SPEECH RECOGNITION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

--Related Applications

*A1* This application claims priority from and is a continuation-in-part of commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/057,369, filed April 9, 1998.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Page 38, lines 12-16, please delete the text "14. The system of claim 1, wherein the master control unit is configured for initiating a second destination address query for a second identified directory database in response to the destination address reply from the identified